

Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board

April 15, 2010

Minutes

Attendees:

Ned Tillman, Chair. Cathy Hudson, Betsy Singer, Mark Southerland, Georgia Eacker, Zack Shariff, Christina Mudd, Sherman Howell
Joshua Feldmark, Lindsay DeMarzo, Elissa Reineck, Chris Russell, Marsha McLaughlin
Grace Kubofcik

Stormwater Regulation Briefing

Marsha McLaughlin from Planning and Zoning provided an overview of the new stormwater regulations that include environmental site design to the maximum extent practicable. She said Howard County's stormwater manual was first submitted in October and approved by the state. The largest issues surrounding the stormwater regs dealt with grandfathering. The state decided that anything with preliminary approval is grandfathered, but all buildings must be complete by 2017. The grandfathering includes about 200 projects in Howard County.

Marsha also mentioned there will be a new recycling/sorting facility on Kit Kat Road which will process 700 tons of waste/day and the majority will be turned into biofuel.

Marsha also mentioned the Regional Transportation Visioning and noted the first workshop is Tuesday, May 4th at 7pm.

Annual Report

Ned requested that the Board review the draft and submit feedback to him in two weeks.

Summit

Betsy provided an overview of times and roles and a full schedule for the summit.

GreenFest

Lindsay provided a brief summary of the upcoming event, noting that we nearly doubled the number of vendors in two years to 110.

Green Infrastructure Update

Cathy mentioned that the focus group of Board members met with staff for an overview of the project thus far.

Director's Report

Josh mentioned the anticipated release of Green Central Station at GreenFest/Summit and some of the features of the site. Josh also mentioned the upcoming announcement of the Climate Action Plan.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm.